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In re Application of: Arne Staby

Application No.: 09/671,461

Group Art Unit: 1653

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Examiner: Kam, Chih Min

For: Ion exchange chromatography of proteins and peptides

Confrimation No. 6001

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003 in which the Examiner rejected claims 2, 4, 6 and 11-14, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, after the title with the following paragraph:

**--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of 09/522,694 filed March 10, 2000, now US Patent No. 6,451,987, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of U.S. provisional application nos. 60/125,882 and 60/179,335 filed March 24, 1999 and January 31, 2000, respectively, and of Danish application nos. 1999 00360 and 2000 00083 filed March 15, 1999 and January 19, 2000, respectively, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows: